

Board of County Commissioners

Leon County, Florida

Policy No. 93-47

Title: Debt Management and Other Investments

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Policy Superseded: Policy No. 92-6, "Debt Management and Other Investments," 3/10/92

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida that:

Policy No. 92-6, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 10, 1992, is hereby superseded and repealed, and a new policy is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

Debt management and investment practices are established to:

1. Ensure that capital projects financed through the issuance of bonds will not be financed for a period that exceeds the useful life of the project or the life of the supporting revenue source.
2. Ensure that interest, operating or maintenance expenses will be capitalized only for facilities or enterprise activities and will be limited to those expenses encumbered prior to the actual operation of the facility or its improvement.
3. Provide that debt for Leon County, Florida shall be limited to an amount which will not prevent the County from maintaining sources of available revenues for service of debt at 135% of annual debt service. The State of Florida does not mandate legal debt limitation for local governments.
4. Provide that the County will limit its investments to only the safest types of securities, to include those backed by the U.S. Government or its agencies and those which provide insurance or the legally required backing of the invested principal.
5. Provide that, unless market conditions otherwise require, not more than fifteen (15) percent of the County's investment portfolio shall be placed in any one institution other than those securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or the State Board of Administration of the State of Florida.

6. Provide that the investment portfolio of Leon County, Florida must be structured in such a manner to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they become due. The investment portfolio shall be diversified by type of investment, issuer, and dates of maturity in order to protect against fluctuations in the market economy. At least fifteen percent (15%) of the County's portfolio shall be kept in liquid investments which are available on a daily basis, without loss of principal.
7. Provide that the clear title to principal and collateral backing for all investments shall be maintained by Leon County, in the County's own bank, or a third party agent under agreement to the County.
8. Provide that the Board of County Commissioners seeks to optimize return on investments within the constraints of safety and liquidity. The purchase and sale of securities shall be at competitive prices based on market conditions.
9. Provide that Leon County will use only major banks, brokers or dealers which have been selected after review of their qualifications, size, capitalization, inventories handling and reputation.
10. Provide that Leon County will not place funds with any institution which is less than three (3) years old.
11. Provide that the Board shall adopt a plan by October 1 of each year to govern the policies and procedures for the investment of surplus funds of the County based on the criteria as set forth in the County's Investment Ordinance for Surplus Funds, No. 93-3.
12. Provide that collateral shall be required for any re-purchase agreement, not covered under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. Collateral placed for any re-purchase agreement will be governed by the same terms as those defined in the County's Investment Ordinance for Surplus Funds, No. 93-3.
13. Provide that the County shall establish a County Investment Oversight Committee whose membership and duties shall be governed by the provisions as set forth in the County's Investment Ordinance for Surplus Funds, No. 93-3.